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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/672,907	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KARAOGUZ ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 9/14/07 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4 and 7-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriam, U.S. Patent 6,643,781 in view of Tsujisawa, U.S. Patent 7,133,920.

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As per claim 1, it is disclosed by Merriam of a method for theft prevention of communications devices used in a communication network. A communication device deployed at a location that is communicatively coupled to the communication network is registered. After registering the communication device, validation information is received wherein the validation information is entered via the communication device. It is then determined whether the communication device is authorized for use in the communication network based on the validation information entered via the communication device (col. 2, lines 21-31 and col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65). The teachings of Merriam fail to disclose of registration information associated with the location of the device. The teachings of disclose of verification of the registration information associated with the location of the device (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated to register device location which is associated with a particular user. The teachings of Tsujisawa recite of motivation for applying the tracking of location information by disclosing registering a user with information that is specific to both the user and the computer's location (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It is obvious that the teaching of Merriam would have found the location registration beneficial in an attempt to determine if the location information registered with a particular device matches what is stored in a database as is disclosed by Tsujisawa.

As per claim 2, it is taught by Merriam wherein registering the communication device includes the device serial number (col. 6, lines 54-65).

As per claim 3, Merriam discloses wherein receiving the validation information includes receiving the device serial ID number (col. 6, lines 54-65).

As per claim 4, the teachings of Merriam recite of locking the communication device out of the communication network upon determination that the communication device is unauthorized (col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65).

As per claim 7, Merriam discloses of a system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network. A processor communicatively coupled to the communication network, receives information related to the communication device. The processor receives validation information entered into the communications network via the communications device and determines whether the communication device is authorized for use in the communication network based on the received validation information (col. 2, lines 21-31 and col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65). The teachings of Merriam fail to disclose of registration information associated with the location of the device. The teachings of disclose of verification of the registration information associated with the location of the device (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated to register device location which is associated with a particular user. The teachings of Tsujisawa recite of motivation for applying the tracking of location information by disclosing registering a user with information that is specific to both the user and the computer's location (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It is obvious that the teaching of Merriam would have found the location

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registration beneficial in an attempt to determine if the location information registered with a particular device matches what is stored in a database as is disclosed by Tsujisawa.

As per claim 8, Merriam teaches that the processor comprises a personal computer (col. 2, line 63 through col. 3, line 4).

As per claim 9, the disclosure of Merriam teaches of a system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network. A communication device is deployed in a home environment. A communication network communicatively coupled to the home environment receives validation information entered via the communication device and relates to the communication device. It is determined whether to grant the communication device access to the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the communication device (col. 2, lines 21-31 and col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65).

As per claim 10, it is taught by Merriam that the communication network comprises an Internet infrastructure (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 11, Merriam discloses that the communication network comprises the Internet (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 12, the teachings of Merriam disclose that the communication network comprises a closed communication infrastructure (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 13, it is disclosed by Merriam that the authorization information includes a device serial ID number (col. 6, lines 54-65).

As per claim 14, Merriam teaches that the communication device is a personal computer (col. 2, line 63 through col. 3, line 4).

As per claim 15, Merriam discloses of a system for supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network. A storage device residing in a first home environment and media device resides in a second home environment. A communication network communicatively coupled to the first home environment and the second home environment, the communication network analyzes validation information entered via the media device and determines whether to grant access of the media device to the first home environment via the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the media device residing in the second home environment (col. 2, lines 21-31; col. 3, lines 6-20; and col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65). The teachings of Merriam fail to disclose of registration information associated with the location of the device associated with a second home environment. The teachings of disclose of verification of the registration information associated with the location of the device associated with a second home environment (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated to register device location which is associated with a particular user. The teachings of Tsujisawa recite of motivation for applying the tracking of location information by disclosing registering a user with information that is specific to both the user and the computer's location (col. 1, lines 59-62; col. 2, lines 37-46; and col. 4, lines 36-54). It is obvious that the

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teaching of Merriam would have found the location registration beneficial in an attempt to determine if the location information registered with a particular device matches what is stored in a database as is disclosed by Tsujisawa.

As per claim 16, it is taught by Merriam wherein the communication network analyzes authorization information and determines whether to grant access of the media device to the storage device (col. 6, lines 31-40 & 54-65).

As per claim 17, it is disclosed by Merriam that the communication network comprises an Internet infrastructure (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 18, Merriam teaches that the communication network comprises the Internet (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 19, the teachings of Merriam disclose that the communication network comprises a closed communication infrastructure (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As per claim 20, it is disclosed by Merriam that the authorization information includes a device serial ID number (col. 6, lines 54-65).

As per claim 21, Merriam teaches that the communication device is a personal computer (col. 2, line 63 through col. 3, line 4).

5. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merriam, U.S. Patent 6,643,781 in view of Tsujisawa, U.S. Patent 7,133,920, in further view of Ishikoff, U.S. Patent 5,748,084.

The combined teaches of Merriam and Tsujisawa fail to teach of determining the location of the device and notifying an authority of the location of the communication device if it has been reported stolen. It is taught by Ishikoff et



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al determining the location of the device and notifying an authority of the location of the communication device if it has been reported stolen (col. 1, lines 59-65 and col. 3, lines 47-54). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have been motivated to be able to locate a lost or stolen device. The teachings of Ishikoff recite of motivational benefits by reporting lost or stolen devices by disclosing the aiding in the retrieval of stolen devices by reciting it can expedite in the return of the stolen device and furthermore, can assist in the capture of the thief to act as a deterrent against theft (col. 2, lines 60-66). It would have been obvious that the combination of the teachings of Merriam and Tsujisawa would have been further secured against theft by applying the teachings of Ishikoff as a measure to aid in the retrieval of stolen devices.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher A. Revak whose telephone number is 571-272-3794. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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